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## EMS System Task Force Minutes – September 17, 2008 meeting

**Attendance:** Jim DeTienne, Kevin Fitzgerald, Bobbi Perkins, Mary Hill, Jerry Morse, James Laidlaw III, Jim webber, Joe Hansen, Sally Buckles, Linda Williams, Cory Connor, Carol Raymond, Don Harmon, Bonnie Harmon, Ken Threet, George Humeston, Desiree Bruce, Trudy Morse, Tom Steenberg, Dayle Perrin, Bob Levitan, Don whalen, Jay Pottenger, Carrie Bischoff, Cliff Christian, Jennie Nemec

| Subject  | Discussion   |
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| <b>Jim DeTienne</b><br>Audit Report/Update                               | Presented EMSTS audit recommendations and the updates on the actions taken toward our goals working toward the 12 recommendations from the committee.  |
| <b>Jim DeTienne</b><br><br>Legislative<br>Interim<br>Committee<br>Report | The suggested legislation report from the interim committee including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax relief based on number of hours volunteered</li> <li>• EMS license plates</li> <li>• Employer Incentives for volunteers</li> </ul> The seven legislative drafts may be looked at on the following web site:<br><br><a href="http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/Committees/Interim/2007_2008/child_fam/legislation.asp">http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/Committees/Interim/2007_2008/child_fam/legislation.asp</a> |
| <b>Cliff Christian</b><br>EMS Advocacy                                   | Update on legislative activity. If EMS wants to be heard, The services must be active with their legislators. February 3 is Lobby Day at the Capital. Services were encouraged to wear there uniforms and participate in the Alliance of Healthy Montana. 32 organizations coming together to discuss healthcare issues.   |
| Emergency<br>Care<br>Discussion  | A discussion was started considering the changes proposed with the EMS Task Force to the Emergency Care Committee. There was quite a lot of participation in the roundtable discussion and the final draft will be shared.   |
| <b>Bobbi Perkins</b><br>Injury<br>prevention                             | Bobbi presented an injury prevention update. Related to bike helmets. Discussed more legislation proposal for a primary seatbelt law.<br><br>Bobbi also gave an EMSC survey summary.   |
| <b>Jim DeTienne</b><br>Bulletin Board                                    | Jim gave a ppt presentation on an electronic bulletin board for delivering messages, communicating with service managers and services as well as Medical Directors. This was well received   |
| <b>Trauma Care</b>   | Jim introduced Jennie Nemec as the new Trauma Systems Manager  |
| <b>Dayle Perrin</b><br>Emergency<br>Preparedness                         | Dayle delivered an update on emergency preparedness courses available to EMS. There are numerous courses available through Department of Homeland Security Some of the courses have been offered to Montana only groups with great turn out. There will be other courses offered. There will also be Basic Disaster Life Support courses offered in October and November. An ADLS course is planned for the Spring.  |
| <b>Ken Threet</b><br>Board of<br>Medical<br>Examiners                    | Ken delivered an update of the BOME activities. There is a pilot program being administered for drug assisted intubation by paramedics in the field. This is being closely monitored by the BOME. The program is at St Patrick's Lifelight. Any questions, contact the BOME.   |

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| <b>Public<br/>Comment<br/>Adjourn</b> | The next meeting will be held In January. The date will be posted along with the agenda. |
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